

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-40. (canceled)

41. (previously presented) A method for creating a highly connected network of nodes indicative of computer-readable data, including the steps of:

operating a computer to capture data contained in at least one legacy database; and

operating the computer to structure the captured data as a set of linked nodes, wherein each of the nodes includes at least one link to another one of the nodes, and the set of linked nodes is structured such that when one of the nodes is designated as a point of view, representations of the nodes can be displayed as a sea of node representations, viewed from said point of view.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the nodes have identical structure but at least some of the nodes have different content.

43. (previously presented) A method for creating a highly connected network of nodes indicative of computer-readable data, including the steps of:

capturing data contained in at least one legacy database;

structuring the captured data as a set of linked nodes, wherein each of the nodes includes at least one link to another one of the nodes, and the set of linked nodes is structured such that when one of the nodes is designated as a point of view, representations of the nodes can be displayed as a sea of node representations;

designating one of the nodes as the point of view; and

displaying said representations of the nodes as said sea of node representations, viewed from said point of view.

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein said sea of node representations includes virtual reality renderings.

45-59. (canceled)

60. (previously presented) A method for associating linked nodes, wherein each of the nodes contains computer-readable data, at least one link to another one of the nodes, and a link identification for each event which links said each of the nodes to another one of the nodes, and wherein the linked nodes are structured such that when one of the nodes is designated as a point of view, representations of the nodes can be displayed as a sea of node representations, said method including the steps of:

- storing, in a context node, a meaningful context common to a set of the nodes, wherein the context node is linked to each of the nodes in the set; and
- sharing a single link identification among the nodes in said set, thereby associating the nodes that are identified by said single link identification.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 60, also including the step of modulating a connection strength of the links that are identified by said single link identification, thereby sensitizing or desensitizing said links to further operations.

62. (previously presented) A method of establishing a set of linked nodes from data organized in rows and columns with column headings, wherein each of the nodes includes at least one link to another one of the nodes, the nodes are indicative of computer-readable data, and the set of linked nodes is structured such that when any of the nodes is designated as a point of view, representations of the nodes can be displayed as a sea of node representations, viewed from said point of view, said method including the steps of:

- representing each of the column headings by an abstract node;
- representing each cell of the data by a data node;
- establishing links between each said abstract node and each said data node that corresponds to a cell in a column whose column heading is represented by said abstract node; and
- establishing links between each said data node that corresponds to a cell in one of the rows.

63-65. (canceled)

66. (previously presented) A method of establishing a set of linked nodes from files from a computer file system, wherein each of the nodes includes at least one link to another one of the nodes, the nodes are indicative of

computer-readable data, and the set of linked nodes is structured such that when one of the nodes is designated as a point of view, representations of the nodes can be displayed as a sea of node representations, said method including the step of:

establishing links between data nodes representing a file directory and data nodes representing files or sub-directories in the file directory.

67-80. (canceled)